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Sir:

SECOND STATUS INQUIRY

An application was filed on April 9, 2004. However, since then applicant has not received any Official Action from the Patent Office regarding the application. Inquiry is made as to when an Action will be forthcoming.

A Status Inquiry was filed on October 18, 2005 regarding the above-identified application. An answer to that inquiry was received on November 2, 2005 (a copy of which is enclosed for your convenience) indicating an expected date for an action in this case would be in approximately eight (8) months. However, as of this date, we have still not received an Official Action regarding this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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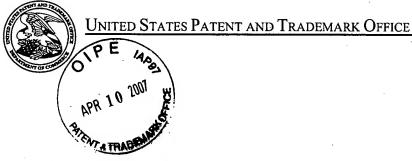
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It is estimated that this application will receive an Office action in approximately 8 months. This is an estimate that is based on the current inventory level of applications filed in this art area and the current staffing levels in this Art Unit. The USPTO is dedicated to minimizing first action and total pendency, and we are targeting resources to help address backlogs in art areas with high new application filings. Thank you for your inquiry.

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